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To: Interested Parties

### ***NOTICE OF REGIONAL BOARD INFORMATION ITEM: UPDATE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF FOOD PROCESSING WASTE DISCHARGES TO LAND***

Solid and liquid wastes from food processing industries contain significant quantities of organic matter, nutrients and salts. In the Central Valley Region, the vast majority of these processors treat and dispose of their waste by discharging it onto land. At the Regional Water Board's 28 January 2005 meeting, staff presented the informational item *Regulation of Food Processing Waste Discharges to Land*. The purpose of this item was to alert the Regional Water Board members about water quality impacts associated with the past disposal of food processing waste and to describe a long-term strategy for achieving effective regulation of food processing waste discharges.

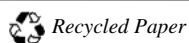
Since the January 2005 Regional Water Board presentation, staff has been involved in a number of activities with regard to the regulation of food processors. The purpose of this Information Item is to provide information to the Regional Water Board members as to the water quality issues facing the food processing industry, to update the Regional Water Board as to staff's activities, and to provide an opportunity for discussion. **This item is being presented for the Regional Water Board's information only; no action will be taken.**

An **information item** concerning this matter will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Regional Water Board meeting:

DATE: 17 March 2006  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
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Interested persons may download the staff report and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/0603/>. If you do not have internet access, these documents may be reviewed and copied at the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. While not required, we suggest you make an appointment by contacting Wendy Wyels at (916) 464-4835.

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**Written comments regarding this item are highly encouraged.** Those comments received by **13 March 2006** will be provided to the Regional Water Board members prior to the meeting, and will be orally summarized by staff. In addition, the written comment period will remain open for several weeks after the meeting. All written comments will be posted on the Regional Water Board's web site. Comments should be addressed to Wendy Wyels and may be submitted by fax at (916) 464-4780, by e-mail at [wwyels@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wwyels@waterboards.ca.gov), or by U.S. mail to the above address.

Interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written comments. **Due to time constraints and because this is a follow-up to a previous informational workshop, this informational item will be limited to no more than two hours in length.** Oral testimony will be limited to two minutes per public speaker, and will be strictly enforced. It is anticipated that several panels of like interests will be formed (i.e., food processing, environmental); each panel will be allotted a time for its presentation.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Additional information regarding this item may be obtained by contacting me at (916) 464-4835 or by e-mail at [wwyels@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wwyels@waterboards.ca.gov)

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